and setting up vigilance squads to detect cases of theft of energy. Theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provision of section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. To motivate the State Electricity Boards and their tmployees to reduce transmission and distribution losses and to increase the energy generation in thermal power stations, separate incentive schemes in the form of cash awards/ shields hve been introduced.

2746. (Transferred to 18th April, 1994)

Cut in Stake by Enron in Dhabol Power Project

2747. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Enron plans cut its stake in Dhabol project of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

(c) what is the present status of Dhabol joint venture project with multinational companies;

(d) what steps|measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to complete this project according to its time schedule;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has agreed to the allocation of budgetary financial assistance to complate this vital power project in the current financial year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir. Enron propose o reduce their equity in the project in due course to 50%.

(b) According to the company, this is in line with the practice followed by them for their projects overseas.

(c) The project has been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority subject to cerain conditions. Maharashtra State Electricity Board have entered into a Power Purchase Agreement with the Dabhol Power Company (DPC).

(d) Government of Maharashtra have appointed a Task Force to monitor regularly, the progress of the project.

(e) Since, the project is in the private sector, no funds will be allocated by the Planning Commission.

(f) Does not arise.

गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में विद्युत उत्पादन में कमी

2748. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं और नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के दौरान गुजरात और महाराष्ट्र में विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता में कितनी कमी होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) क्या इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिये प्रस्तावित नयी परियोजनाओं के लिये कोयला उपलब्ध कराने हेतु कोई समझौता किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस कमी को कैसे पूरा किये जाने की संभावना है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ग) केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण के चौदहवें विद्युत सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर आठवीं योजना (1996–97) के अंतिम वर्ष में